

REMARKS

Claims 1-75 are pending. An Office Action mailed June 30, 2005 rejected Claims 30-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and Claims 1, 3-10, 14-18, 22, 23, 28, 30, 32-38, 42-44, 48, 53, 55-57, 59-62, 64, 65, 67, 69 and 70 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Claims 1, 3, 4, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35-38, 53, 55-57, 59-62, 64, 65, 67, 69 and 70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and objected to Claims 2, 11-13, 19-21, 24-27, 29, 31, 39-41, 45-47, 49-52, 54, 58, 63, 66, 68 and 72-75. By way of this Amendment, Applicants hereby amend Claims 1, 11, 19, 24, 29, 55, 60, 61, 64, 65, 67, 68, and 72 and cancels Claims 2, 11, 30-54, 58-59, 63, and 66. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicants hereby cancel Claims 30-54, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

Applicants hereby amend the remaining independent claims in order to incorporate the subject matter that was noted allowable in the Office Action. Also, other dependent claims that were noted to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, were done so. Therefore, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 are moot and independent Claim 1, 19, 24, 29, 55, 65, 68, and 72 are allowable. Because Claims 3-10, 12-18, 20-23, 25-28, 56, 57, 60-62, 64, 67, 69-71, and 73-75 depend from allowable independent claims, they are allowable for the same reasons that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.


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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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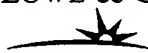
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